FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LONG BRANCH, N.J.

May 17, 1933.

Dr. Courtland P. Robinson,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Sometime ago at the suggestion of your son, Stewart, my seminary Classmate, you very kindly used your good offices with reference to some vacancy which existed at that time in Philadelphia. Through no fault of yours nothing came of it and I am still in Long Branch, now in my eighth year in this pastorate.

Conditions financial are such that I find it urgent that I seek another field, though even the extreme conditions in that regard would not lead me to do so if it were not that my previous reasons have increased rather than decreased, namely the lack of a field here for aggressive work along the lines of Christian Education and Evalgelism for which I have had experience.

All of which is preliminary to asking whether you would be willing to write in my behalf to the Westminster Church of Troy, N.Y. I have had some information about the kind of field there and the opportunities there for the kind of work that would challenge my best efforts and continued growth in my ministry.

If you feel that you need further information or reference names I shall be ready to furnish same.

With every kind regard,

Cordially yours,

D. Rhea Coffman

May 23, 1933.

Rev. D. Rhea Coffman,
First Presbyterian Church,
Long Branch, N. J.

Dear Mr. Coffman:

If I knew a person in Westminster Church, Troy, I would gladly send a letter but one sent at random is of little use. Please send me the name of an elder. Letters sent by ministers are, as a rule, futile.

Cordially yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

WCR*E

May 1, 1933.

Rev. James E. Clarke, D.D.,
Presbyterian Advance,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Clarke:

I just arrived in the office and have received your communication which you had sent to the Magazine people. Permit me to say to you that I think you have acted in an upright and most honorable way in the matter of the subscriptions that might come from the Presbyterian Magazine.

I think there is going to be a tremendous effort at the Assembly to continue the Magazine. A friend of mine had an urgent letter from one of his seminary classmates who was there in Hanzsche's time urging him to write the Council to recommend that it be continued. Dr. Hanzsche is I think very loath to give it up but personally I feel that it is a good move on the part of the Council.

Tomorrow our Directors meet and it will be a critical meeting for THE PRESBYTERIAN. I do not know what the outcome will be. They are not all of one mind and we are in financial circumstances that require us to take some action concerning the future. I feel that The Advance and THE PRESBYTERIAN are both needed. We represent opposite points of view and I think we have a constituency that warrants continuation. You have many more subscribers than we do and you are, in my opinion, a very wise and able editor. I will put the matter to the Directors tomorrow and see what they want to do. I feel, with you, that the Magazine should pay us for carrying out their paid subscriptions.

I thank you heartily for your letter and I have enjoyed my limited association with you by letter and contact very much indeed.

Most cordially yours,

WOR*E

April 8, 1933.

Mr. H. P. Crowell,
2248 Cumming Road,
Augusta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Crowell:

Only recently did I learn that you had resigned as director of The Presbyterian Publishing Company. Notwithstanding, I learn you have sent a contribution to our depleted treasury. Permit me to thank you again and to tell you that your resignation lessens my hope and greatly distresses me. It has not been my privilege to know much of the thoughts and plans of the directors. I think that feeling helpless and undertain Mr. Harbison, the most active, has not shared with others the burden that has oppressed him in addition to his personal troubles.

Along with nearly every one else I have suffered losses which have reduced me to insufficient income and except for your kindness I would have had no salary from THE PRESBYTERIAN. As it is, a full year's wage is due me.

As to the future I have only vague notions. I believe THE PRESBYTERIAN has done God's work and is needed by the Presbyterian Church and in my mind the idea has remained that God in His own wonderful way, would open a door to continue it. Just how I cannot see. In addition to personal humiliation I should deplore stopping it at this time. All denominational papers are fighting for life, but I think they are greatly needed though not widely wanted.

Much as I need work and wage I do not think that I am the one to be editor. Some young man of ability such as, you once said, had revived that excellent Moody Monthly could, under God, do wonders. But a conservative Presbyterian paper is in my opinion imperative in these days. The century-old name THE PRESBYTERIAN should not be lost.

In spite of the vote of the General Council Dr. Hanzsche and his friends are making desperate efforts to have the Assembly vote to continue it. He is a bright and able editor but I cannot approve his theological attitude nor his connection with ecclesiastical politics and the

appropriation of ten or twelve thousand dollars to that magazine by the Assembly is not right when older papers supported by generous people are in such desperate need.

You will pardon me for sending this to the office to be typed and sent to you. It is my personal expression nevertheless.

As I see it, from a human standpoint, the issue rests with you. I have reason to believe you have not lost all interest in the cause we represent. The large liberal element in the Church, and I fear some of the extreme conservatives, will raise a shout if THE PRESBYTERIAN expires. In no sense am I pleading for myself. Expenses have been reduced and with a suitable editor with aptitude in that line, I believe THE PRESBYTERIAN may continue.

I have had three trying years in a place I did not seek. I am more interested in the paper than in myself. I want to go out with the goodwill of the directors but I want the paper to go on.

I wish you would have interest enough to write Dr. McEwan your views. Pittsburgh has fallen down terribly. It must be decided soon.

Cordially yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

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March 22nd, 1933

Mr. Robert M. Harvey,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Harvey:

Replying to yours of March 20, you have probably been in touch with Mr. Barber of The Magazine and can learn from him what may be contemplated in the way of taking over the subscription list and the advertising contracts of The Magazine.

If I did not say to you before let me say now that I insisted five years ago and again two years ago (when the discontinuance of The Magazine was contemplated) that subscribers to The Magazine be given their choice of having their subscriptions filled by any one (two years ago it was either one) of the church papers. I am still in favor of being perfectly fair in that respect. Two years ago there was a move to turn Magazine subscriptions over to the proposed consolidation of The Banner and The Advance. I opposed that suggestion. I insisted that The Presbyterian should be given exactly the same opportunity. I am of the same opinion still.

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March 22nd, 1933

Dr. William C. Robinson,
The Presbyterian
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have a letter from Mr. Harvey, our advertising representative in New York, asking what is to be done about filling out the subscription list and the advertising contracts of The Presbyterian Magazine.

I know nothing on the subject, as nobody has given me any information, but I enclose carbon of what I have written Mr. Harvey on that subject, the remainder of his letter relating to other matters. I do this because I want you to know that I hold the same opinion that I held two years ago, except that now we have to contemplate three papers instead of contemplating two, as we did at that time.

If you happen to have any information on the subject -- and you are much closer to men connected with The Magazine -- I will appreciate any enlightenment that I may receive from you, in order that I may advise Mr. Harvey more definitely.

He also tells me, by the way, that a well informed friend had told him that The Banner and The Advance were both going out of business. I can't speak for The Banner, but I can for The Advance, and it expects to go along in the same old way for an indefinite period. To be sure, I am getting old, and my personal period is getting short enough, but we are making no other plans for The Advance except to go right on though, of course, we are likely to publish a smaller paper in the summer, if advertising stays down to its present status.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Jas. E. Clarke

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enclosure

March 30, 1933.

Rev. Jas. E. Clarke,
The Presbyterian Advance,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Clarke:

You are always very kind and square to me. I know nothing whatever realtive to the Magazine subscription list. There has been some talk and effort concerning combining THE PRESBYTERIAN and The Banner. I have had nothing to do with that. I doubt if it is done. I am glad you are to continue. Our situation is uncertain and precarious. I thank you for your letter and regret I can tell you nothing. I am up here in the mountains, Delhi, New York, and get no gossip. I heard nothing about the discontinuance of The Advance.

Cordially yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

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Dear Friend:-

We are advised that you have been elected a commissioner to the General Assembly meeting at Denver and it is our desire to serve you with information that will be of assistance to you as a member of that body.

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1218 E. 9th. St., Pueblo, Colo.,
1-25-'33,

Rev. Robinson,
Editor of The Presbyterian:

Dear Bro Robinson: On p. 5 of my last week's Presbyterian is your article on "Foreign Missions once again". When I read it I decided that having arititicised you as an editor so many times in the past I ought in fairness to let you know more about myself. I was one of six boys and four girls brought up on a farm in Ohio, strict Presbyterians and missionary in spirit. Of the boys four became elders and one a Presbyterian minister. He was a missionary at Bogota, S. America for 15 yrs. and at the close of the Spanish American war our Board sent him to Porto Rico to spy out the land. He wore himself out there, building a $10,000 church at Mayaguez and finally had among his elders several ex-Catholics

Ex catholic priests.- My oldest sister, a Presbyterian missionary, died in Persia more than 50 yrs. ago and lies buried in the great city of Tabriz. Next to my youngest sister was the wife of Rev. John E. Williams vice president of Nanking university who was murdered in the uprising there in 1927. I am an old Presbyterian elder and a professional teacher born in 1851. I worked under Chillicothe Presbytery and prepared students in Greek and mathematics for the junior year in what was then Wooster University. I later became professor of mathematics in an Ohio college.

I know the Bible and believe it paints a true picture of human nature. When I sent in my renewal subscription to the Presbyterian Lately I said:

"On p. 23, issue of Jan. 12 is 'a layman's view'. He expresses my view exactly and it certainly needs to be said with no uncertain sound. I am sorry to say again that while Editor Robinson's heart is in the right place he too often puts on the soft pedal, - afraid of hurting some one's feelings."

Now Brother Robinson I am ready to tell you that I know Elder Speer, not personally as you do, but through my folks and my careful reading and correspondence I am sure you are wrong in what you said about him in the article referred to.

It is the duty of every Christian to think and to express his

thoughts when necessary kindly but with no uncertain sound.

No christian should be offended by the honest opinion of anyone. My purpose is to help, not to hinder.

If you really wish to know on what I base my judgement of elder Speer let me know and I can give you some facts that may surprise you.

Fraternally Yours,

J. O. Caldwell.

February 1, 1933.

Prof. J. O. Caldwell,
1321 E. 9th Street,
Pueblo, Colo.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I was gratified to receive your letter of January 25. Of course we editors get much criticism but we do our best and I, for one, receive no remuneration.

I have not always agreed with Dr. Speer and we have had contests. Nevertheless, he is intellectually the biggest man in our Church and has done a great work.

If you have facts concerning his misdeeds I will receive them provided I have the privilege of forwarding them to him.

Cordially yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NORRISTOWN, PA.

J. M. CORUM, JR., D. D. 113 E. AIRY STREET

December 9, 1932.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, Editor,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am very much interested in the leading editorial of the Presbyterian, December 8.

I have read the "Report" of that Laymen's Committee, and it is, as I see it, the most vicious attack on Christianity that I have ever read, coming from persons who claim to be friendly to Christianity.

If ever there was a time when a man's foes were the members of his own household it is when such a thing as this comes to the front.

I have never seen our Session quite so disturbed about anything as they are about this "Report". Our Session believes in Missions. We believe in the Deity and Lordship of Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you now for advice. You have been a pastor, and will, I am sure, readily sympathize with the situation here. Our Session is increasingly impatient with certain elements in our Boards, especially in the Board of Foreign Missions. It is not that we question the character or the integrity of any person or persons, but we are increasingly losing confidence in their leadership and in their loyalty to Jesus Christ as the Son of God and only Saviour of men.

It has come to our Session that this "Report" was received with mingled feelings of approval and disapproval by our Board of Foreign Missions. The Session has asked me to write to Dr. Erdman, asking for frank answers to these questions: How many of the Board favor the "Report", and how many of the Board repudiate it?

Unless we get frank answers from Dr. Erdman the Session will be inclined to become a little drastic in what we do with our Foreign Missions money. There are Missions and there are individuals to whom we can send the money in regard to whose orthodoxy and soundness there is no question.

What I am asking you now for is advice in regard to the procedure.

This letter is sent to you personally and confidentially. It is not for publication in any way at all.

I have a copy of the letter which I wrote to Dr. Erdman, and I shall keep that entire correspondence, and if the matter is not given a reasonable degree of attention, I shall release the correspondence for the Church papers.

Please remember that this is confidential, and please give me the very best advice you can in regard to what you yourself would advise a Session to do if you were its pastor.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

J M Corson Jr.

REV. D. L. CHAPIN
KINGSTON, OHIO Nov. 21, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson.

Please pardon pencil as fountain pen drops ink. Many thanks for the 6 copies. One has gone to Mrs Henry Robinson Akron O. Sh. held the crumbling fragments together, until, as Judge C. R. Grant printed the line. [illegible] the [illegible] founders of the [illegible] The sons of the rich men in Episcopal [illegible] marked from pulpit we trusted they are regarded simply as a loan. Now they did some [illegible] Henry Manton Pres Board Trustees was one of [illegible] visited us while dearest One was living in [illegible] Auto bringing his wife & her sister, & Mrs Mary (Henry) Robinson his aunt. Mrs A. grandchaughter of Mr A. L. Butler who had gone on to God, we Pres [illegible] [illegible] His dear wife drove her carriage to the [illegible] [illegible] words about the sermons were worth their weight in gold. When H. B. Manton was [illegible] up the main aisle for Robinson & Ch. [illegible] When he returned home, [illegible] We later added another 50 [illegible] in memory of my dearest. Please let me tell you we bought a large Bradbury Piano for her. Later we change it for an upright [illegible] Bradbury Piano for my daughter [illegible] Piano. Now we come to [illegible] Rev. C. L. Yarbaugh D.D. preached in Kingston one week ago.

He is officially connected with the Synod of Ohio.
His sermon "To the Church Would Wide" was
far ahead of ex Pres Thompson's. When I mentioned
to him. The Mellons have given together $2000
for Pittsburgh relief, & then said of they just
remember the Phila. Presbyterian. Well said Dr.
why don't you write to them. Oh we said, right
to the waste basket. With a smile he said, "you
say it." Andrew Melon is in Great Britain is he
not? I need the correct address of the one
in Pittsburgh. Could you tell me?
Since they are said to Billionaires, I will ask
the Heavenly Father to aid in just what not
to say, as well as what to say.
When Mr Cotter became unable to travel in prayer
he had printed prayer appended to Bible read
ings which he daily used. Mrs Cotter gave me
2 beautiful volumes of Gen. Grant. Picture
of him who was 2 Pres. U.S. on front. Looks as
if finished in oil. Henry Martin says "Come to
Alaska, it won't cost you anything." I am not
able to travel any distance. Have a nameshin
Waterford Pa. & in Ohio. Waterford is where several
Chapman prepared for College.
Wish I could tell you about Dr Curtis Clark Pres. Ohio
Lane, once pastor on 14th ah. Before Mrs P was married he
sent her "Why don't you get interested in those Nationals?" She
did. Beg Clay Lexington. D. C. G.

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November 28, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The name of Dr. Robert B. Whyte of the First Church, Philadelphia has been brought to the attention of our Committee as a possible successor to Dr. Swearingen in the pulpit of the House of Hope Church, St. Paul.

If you know anything of Dr. Whyte would you kindly give us the advantage of such information or if you know anyone to whom we could write in Philadelphia. It is just common sense information that we are looking for.

We had heard that Dr. Whyte was active in prosecuting Rev. Barnhouse but that statement may possibly have been overdrawn.

Enclosed herewith is envelope for your convenience and appreciating your advice in the matter, I am

Sincerely,

B. O. Chapman, Chairman
Committee on Permanent Pastor.

BOC:C

Dr. Robinson
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. James Carter, D. D.
Walter Carter Cottage
Lincoln University, Pa.

November 20, 1932.

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Philadelphia, Penna.;

Dear Brother Robinson:

An editor is a busy man, and makes quick decisions; moreover some of the choices are made by assistants who may not as discerning as the chief. The history of the Presbyterian has been a signal record of carefulness in excluding what might mislead.

In the issue of October 22d. appear six stanzas evidently designed to help God's children over hard places. The writer referred to the experience of our Lord upon the cross, seemingly with the purpose of comforting Christians in trouble. The first two lines in stanzas one and two state that we sometimes think that God forsakes or has left us. So Jesus thought while hanging on the cross. But the last two lines in those stanzas, tell us that we are mistaken, that God is always watching over us, always near. The implication naturally is that Jesus was mistaken as we are.

I am quite positive that the editors of the Presbyterian have no sympathy with the modernist belief that our Saviour was mistaken at any time. I am not convinced that such is conviction of the author of those lines. Probably it is not. Nor do I ask that you print this letter. Possibly two or three lines explaining that, though we are mistaken, our Lord was not, would meet the need of the reader and relieve the author of responsibility.

Fraternally yours
James Carter

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December 7, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Yours of the fifth regarding Dr. Whyte received and we appreciate all the circumstances and the writer will consider same confidential and it will not be necessary to even give it to the Committee.

Sincerely,

B. O. Chapman, Chairman
Committee on Permanent Pastor.

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Dr. W. Courtland Robinson
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

REV. JAMES CARTER, D. D.
WALTER CARTER COTTAGE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA.

December 10, 1932.

My dear Dr. Robinson,

Your letter came duly. Doubtless your decision not to stir up notice which has not been vocal thus far, is most wise.

I take this opportunity to enclose my subscription for the coming year. As matters now stand I do not feel inclined to accept the Ministers' rate which is well enough in prosperous days; but at present may be burdensome. Therefore I send the amount due the laity.

May a blessing rest on the work, and on the Chief Worker. A glad Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all.

Fraternally yours

James Carter

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December 16, 1932.

Rev. James Carter, D.D.,
Lincoln University,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Carter:

I send this to the office to be put in type and sent to you. It is none the less personal. I want to thank you sincerely. You have been a wise and helpful friend. I am glad I know you and regret that we meet so rarely.

I stay in Delhi for financial reasons. THE PRESBYTERIAN is in sore straits. We need $10,000 so much and believe it is worth it to the cause. I do not know what the end will be. God knows and we trust Him.

Cordially yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

WCR*E

December 5, 1932.

Mr. B. O. Chapman,
401 Sibley Street,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Your letter of November 28th was forwarded to me at Delhi, New York. I hereby send reply to the office to be copied and mailed from there.

Dr. Whyte is attractive physically. He is a very good preacher but the First Church (Philadelphia) of which he is one of two pastors, is not prospering as it should. Perhaps a large endowment hinders. Dr. Whyte was a very earnest prosecutor of Rev. Dr. Barnhouse. He felt aggrieved.

Dr. Whyte views most questions from a point quite different from my own so I may not be a fair judge of his qualities. I have had no close social relations with him. I am sorry I cannot give a more cordial endorsement though I have no specific criticism.

Perhaps you could get better and fuller information by writing to Rev. John B. Laird, 4315 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, who has been in that city for thirty-five years and knows men and affairs far better than I do.

I hope my letter may be kept confidential by the committee.

Yours very truly,

W. Courtland Robinson.

WCR*E

File

2312 "I" Street,
Eureka, Cal.
Nov. 6. 1902

The Presbyterian
Philadelphia

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find P.O. order for $2.50 for our subscription for The Pres. I have delayed sending our check hoping to get several more subscriptions, but haven't as yet. I trust I shall be able to do so yet.

I cannot express in words what this paper means to me. Dr. Campbell Morgan's articles on The Life of the Christian were

well worth the price of the paper.

I have often wondered why you don't publish articles on Prophecy. The again coming of our Lord should be the blessed hope of the church and why are we so silent about it! Churches I know of where it is preached are the most spiritual and evangelistic and I am glad to say I refer to a Presbyterian Church but in most Presbyterian churches it is a lost doctrine and sometimes spoken of in ridicule. I am greatly

interested and have wished so many times that your excellent paper would print something along this line.

Wishing you every success and God's blessing on your paper I am

Yours very truly.

Miss Clara Clarke

November 21, 1932.

Miss Clara Clarke,
2312 "I" Street,
Eureka, Cal.

Dear Miss Clarke:

Thank you so much for your letter of November sixth.

We will consider your excellent suggestion as to printing articles on Prophecy. We may find a way to do so.

Yours very truly,

WCR*E

November 16, 1932.

Mr. John M. Cratty,
923 S. 48th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Cratty:

I was delighted to hear that you are to seek some funds to aid THE PRESBYTERIAN. I would greatly regret stopping the old paper. All good enterprises are having a hard time.

May success attend your efforts.

With great regard,

Yours truly,

WCH*E

William Chalmers Covert, D.D., L.L.D., General Secretary

Edward R. Sterrett, Treasurer

Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Office of the General Secretary

Witherspoon Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 20, 1932

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
THE PRESBYTERIAN,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I wish to thank you for the two articles in the issue of October thirteenth of the PRESBYTERIAN, dealing with the Christian college: one, by Robert Lee Stuart the other, by Alexander C. Burr. I am hoping to make use of both these articles in promoting: first, the interests of our Christian colleges among the churches; and second, in calling the colleges to their duties as outlined in Mr. Burr's article.

These men are speaking timely words. Both the churches and the colleges are in need of just such challenging appeals.

By the way, may I ask if you have read THE MINISTRY OF TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW? It is the Robertson Memorial Lecture of 1932, published by the United Church Publishing House of Toronto. I am sending you a copy, for I know that you will appreciate the style and spirit of this rare message.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wm C Covert
General Secretary

WCC:AET

First Presbyterian Church
REV. E. RAY CAMERON, PASTOR
Sterling, Colorado

Sept. 30, 1932

Rev. W. Cortland Robinson, D.D.
Editor, The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have enclosed a copy of an Armistice Day study which I have prepared for local use, in this section of Colorado. If there should be anything of value in it, from your viewpoint, I should be glad for its wider influence. If there should not be, you need not return it to me.

I have been a subscriber to The Presbyterian since beginning my ministry, a few years ago. Its weekly appearance is always a pleasure to me, and when it happens to arrive a day late, the day seems not to begin right for me. May you enjoy a long period of continued helpful editorship.

Sincerely yours,

E. R. Cameron

315 Michigan Ave
Menominee Mich
May 6 - 1932

Presbyterian:
Dear Editor!
Enclosed find check for $2.00 for renewal of your paper.
We have a new minister, whom I am sorry to is a Modernist, if it were not for my title, the Presbyterian, and some devotional service over the radio, I am afraid I should die of spiritual dry rot. I have never once heard him speak of Jesus the Son of God, or our Savior or Redeemer, but "Jesus is primarily a social reformer" or "Jesus is primarily a teacher" "There is not an iota of proof that David wrote any of the Psalms", "Solomon never made Ecclesiastics, nor the Song of Solomon nor the Proverbs, they were written by some unknown philosopher"

He reads from the "Shelter Bible" and now from the new "Smith & Goodspeed" bible. I am sick at heart when I go to church, would rather stay home any time & read the Presbyterian or listen over the radio, to Central Ch. Chicago.
Last year every Sunday P.M. I could get Dr Barnhouse of Phil. but now, Dr Fordick, comes over W.M.A.D. and I can't find Barnhouse any more.
I regret to say so many of our people. think Mr. Hannan is so fine, he preaches with vim and enthusiasm and positiveness. and that seems to count with so many. I enjoy your editorials & "Moments of Quiet Strength", and have presented "The Prophets", "Jacob-Mike Sons" & "Paul's character" and many other good things.
Yours with appreciation
Harriet W. Bill
(Mrs A. W. Bill)

Do You Know Your Bible?

If asked, "Who was the first king of Israel," most Bible readers would promptly reply, "Saul", and they will be greatly surprised to be told they are wrong. According to the Bible's own statements there were <u>two</u> kings befor King Saul. One was Abimelech, who made himself king with the aid of "the men of Shechem" and "all the house of Millo." He "reigned three years over Israel." See Judges 9:6, 22. The other was the man Moses. Only once is he called "king", and he is not said to have "reigned". See Deut. 33:5.

If asked, "Who succeeded Saul," the reply will generally be, "David," and again it is wrong. It should be "Ishbosheth," the son of Saul. Ishbosheth reigned about 7½ years, and was then assassinated. Except for the fact that Israel had solemnly agreed to let God be their ruler, and that God had named David to succeed Saul, David was merely the leader of a rebel province until

the death of Ishboseth. See 2 Sam 2:8-10; 3:1; 4:8 & 5:1-3. Chapter 2, verse 10, apparently contradicts my statement that he reigned 7½ years. But if we take the statement to indicate the date when Ishboseth attempted to crush the rebellion it fits with the length of David's reign in Hebron and also the "long war" mentioned in 3:1. Queer isn't it, that so many simple facts are overlooked in our Bible reading.

Hurlbert

Twentynine Palms
Calif.

TELEPHONE No. 12

CHAS. M. CALDWELL
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
WAVERLY, OHIO

September 17, 1932

The Presbyterian
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

I was much interested in your Editorial in your issue of August 25, entitled "A Ballot". I am certainly surprised at the attitude of many so-called "dry" leaders; especially, men like Daniel Poling, in failing to come out for the only candidates who stand four-square on this issue.

Could there be anything more inconsistent than for drys to support a wet party, and at the same time endeavor to elect dry Congressmen? Even if dry Congressmen are elected, the fact that they belong to a wet party will be a handicap to them throughout their entire term of office; and they cannot support the proper laws with the same enthusiasm that they would if they belonged to a party committed to the issue.

You say in your Editorial that it is Congress, not the President, who determines the issue. This is true as regards the enactment of laws, but when it comes to enforcement, the President is everything.

I am enclosing you a little folder entitled "Governor Pinchot's Plan". I am also enclosing copy of a letter from F. M. Mecartney, Prohibition Candidate for U. S. Senator in Ohio. I have the original letter, signed by Mr. Mecartney, in my possession, and am authorized to use same as I deem best.

If you see your way clear to print Mr. Mecartney's letter in an early issue of The Presbyterian, I will appreciate it. I think he gives our people some things to think about, and which they should think about earnestly.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. M. Caldwell

CMC/EW

BOX 878
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Sept 13th/32

Dear Dr Robinson.

I have been studying the Donnelley plan, and the advertising suggestions offered by Mr Shubert, and have reached the conclusion that there is value in the idea justifying a thorough investigation. Assuming that Dr Craig is wrong in his criticisms and that Miss Mc Kinney and Mr

Horn are right. The saving of Eight or ten thousand dollars plus what advertising may do later on. would give the Presbyterian a new lease of life. I think so favorably of the plan that I am sending you a check for one thousand dollars to enable you to keep going until all are satisfied that the proposed change is right and thoroughly satisfactory. I hope that Mr Pew will give you the same amount

#2/ under his pledge, and that
the other directors will raise
a like sum through united
Effort. On this basis you can
transact business up to Nov
Ember first, when the Econ
omics would go into Effect.
I am in the west on business
and cannot attend the Sept
Ember meetings of stockholders
and directors. but, am willing
that Mr Harbison should vote
for me on all points. If you
wish to reach me by wire
or letter up to Sept 23rd please

BOX 878
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Send communication care of the Wyoming Hereford Ranch, Cheyenne, Wyoming. afterwards to my regular address Chicago. I am praying that the Lord will so control the thinking and decisions of all interested parties, that His will shall be done concerning the paper for all time. With warm personal regards I am

Cordially Yours

H. O. Crowell

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
105 EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK

September 8, 1932

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, Editor
The Presbyterian
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Before Dr. Mott left for a brief vacation in Canada, he talked with me about the informal conference of editors of the religious press which he is convening on Wednesday, September 14, at the Yale Club, New York, and asked me to suggest the names of those who should be invited. I included your name because I knew you were especially interested in the problem of prohibition.

I am sending this note to say that if you are interested in coming, you need not feel deterred on account of the expense involved, since I understand that Dr. Mott has a little fund on which he can draw to cover expenses in attending these meetings of the editors which he convenes from time to time.

The conference has no connection whatever with the Federal Council. I am interested in it only as a personal friend of Dr. Mott and as one who feels a sense of need for sharing our insight and judgment with regard to the prohibition problem.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel McCrea Cavert

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August 31, 1932.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Knowing your interest in having the right kind of preachers I am taking the liberty of enclosing a list of names that have been suggested as possible successors to Dr. H. C. Swearingen as senior pastor of the House of Hope Church, St. Paul.

Would you be kind enough, at your convenience, to run over this list and if there are any men on it concerning whom you have information either favorable or otherwise let us have the benefit of the same.

It is needless to state that we desire a man of ability as well as one who believes the bible and in the proper observation of the Sabbath Day.

Enclosed is envelope for your convenience and thanking you most sincerely for your trouble, I am

With appreciation,

B. O. Chapman.

BOC:C

W. Courtland Robinson D.D.
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

"UNIFORMLY THE BEST"

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August 25, 1932

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson, Editor,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I appreciate very much your good letter of August 22.

We, of course, know that Dr. Speer as head of the Foreign Missions is in a very difficult and delicate position. It is important for him to keep the whole church "missionary minded" and held together, leaving it to others to work out the doctrinal points. I have never heard him preach anything but the soundest Gospel, which perhaps is better than his becoming involved in the controversy which has been raging throughout the church. The church must look forward and develop a progressive, constructive program which will inspire, and also enthuse the ministry and the membership, reaching them through the heart and sentiment rather than necessarily through the head.

I would like to see the terms "modernist" and "liberal" dropped for a while and stick strictly to our own "knitting", that is, the constructive evangelical Gospel. I think the unsound non-fundamental position would be thereby exposed better than if an attack were made on the same. In other words, the greatest strength of the "liberal" element has been their ability to so irritate and, if you please, anger the "conservative" evangelical group as to make them do, say and assume an un-Christian attitude. As long as they can draw us into better controversies, they have all the advantage. We must have the mind of Christ, else we are none of his.

I hope that Dr. McEwan will respond to your invitation to make contributions at least once each month. We hope the new arrangement, if adopted, will work out satisfactorily.

Very sincerely yours,

JSC:K

J S Cunningham

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Kingston O. Aug. 27 1932.

Rev W. C. Robinson.
Phila. Pa.

Our Dear Editor.

Such a fine & friendly postal from Dr Whallon. Having read the excellent article "The Majesty of the Law:" am taking the liberty to send the enclosed, then the waste basket. Is it not strange that J. G. Hibben, is in favor of saloons? Please pardon the clipping. When my 3 sisters church papers need renewal I wish to know. Sister Sarah loans her copy to their minister.

As Ever yours

D. L. Chapin.

"UNIFORMLY

THE BEST"

AMERICAN FRUIT GROWERS
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GENERAL OFFICES
PITTSBURGH, PA.

August 18, 1932

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Editor, The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I had a letter from Miss McKinney under date of July 25 with reference to continuing subscription of C. R. Pilkington of Orlando, Fla. You can continue that subscription and also any others that I have given you from time to time, and send me the bill.

I have been particularly hard pressed of late, partly due to the fact that three of the Pittsburgh banks with which I was doing my personal business closed, and I have had to liquidate my indebtedness to them. I have in mind, however, your requirements and have not overlooked my promise to send in at least $250.

I appreciate the splendid support of Dr. Hodge and Mr. Crowell especially; likewise the other members of the Board who have subscribed at great sacrifice. I also appreciate the personal contribution you are making in going along without your pay. I saw Mr. Crowell at Chicago on Tuesday and he was very much pleased, as I am, with the Donnelley proposal.

Mr. Crowell, Mr. Thompson and I feel that Dr. McEwan ought to be requested to contribute an article at least once each month on a timely topic of his own choosing. Now that he is out of the active ministry, we feel that an inspiring message from him regularly would add greatly to the fine quality of the press makeup.

I am sure the whole Board feels as I do, that you have handled the Presbyterian with great credit to yourself under very trying circumstances. I will pass on to you merely as a matter of information a friendly criticism heard recently, which was to the effect that the article criticizing Dr.Robert E. Speer for taking up the Federal Council matter at the Assembly would have been just as well omitted. In other words, the feeling was that the Presbyterian

ought to stand for constructiveness and harmony so far as possible among the conservative element of the church. Hence we ought to be careful to avoid doing and saying things that are irritating excepting where real fundamental issues are at stake. Another point which has been brought up is that our position should be so clearly fundamental that it is not necessary to say, in so many words, from time to time that we are fundamental. Personally, I have not been pleased with the Federal Council for many years, but I believe in the idea of a Federal Council providing it is controlled by the conservative evangelical element of the church.

The above is not passed on to you as a criticism but merely as a matter of information. I appreciate, as you state in your last edition, that it is hard to edit a paper and please everybody.

Very sincerely yours,

J S Cuttenfield

JSC:K

HENRY P. CROWELL
1900 BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING
CHICAGO

Aug 17th 1932.

Dear Dr Robinson.

Your letters of recent date have interested me greatly, now comes word from Mr Harbison, plus the Donnelley proposition. The situation brightens and possibly points to the way out from the burden of our debt. You ask if we can carry on to Oct 1st. Two questions arise. first, what will it cost to bridge the six weeks or two months period. second. Will the subscriptions pay all expense after Oct 1st. if not, what sum must be raised to cover the deficit? The proposition submitted by Donnelley is good. and should be accepted

The firm is of high standing. none better. The printing unexcelled the plan full of promise. I deplore right the inaction of our directors and their failure to send in money for your salary and other expenses. You have faced the issue of the past months with nobility and courage and are to be highly commended. With appreciation of your character, and the high ideals that you strive to attain. I remain.

Cordially Yours.

H. P. Crowell.

Dunbar, Nebraska,
August 16, 1932.

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor: "The Presbyterian",
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson,

In "The Presbyterian" for August 11th, in the letter printed from R. C. Dobson, appears this remark: "Returning recently from a trip to the Pacific Coast, and meeting many ministers, I was surprised how many read The Christian Century, quoting it in sermon, seeming to pay little attention to their own denominational journals." Mr. Dobson is quite correct in his observation: many ministers do read "The Christian Century", and many read it to the ignoring of their denominational journals. The reason, I think, is a simple one: "The Christian Century" has an intellectual tone far superior to the average denominational periodical; it is scholarly, comprehensive, and provocative of thought.- many denominational papers are quite to the contrary.

If you will suffer me, I should like to illustrate the point from "The Presbyterian". I shall do so not with a desire to destroy, but with the desire to build up, for, because of its doctrinal stand, it is fartherest from my wish to see "The Presbyterian" meet its doom. I illustrate from "The Presbyterian" because it is, I think, one of the denominational journals which fails to attain the true and thoroughly intellectual standard pleasant for the alert minister.

First, the editorials: the editorials are not of a strong intellectual caliber. The editorial by the editor-in-chief, of the type he writes, has a place and is worthy to be continued. The others, however, are worthless padding: the adjective "worthless" is used because their space could be better used by something more solid. Those which purport to be devotional studies are hardly ever of real value to one whose studies have been preeminently religious. Second, the special articles: these are seldom of fresh, and modern scholarship. Thirdly, "Comments and Timely Topics": this section often makes fruitless repetition of recent events which the public already knows - nor are they stated for a religious significance. Fourth, the Sabbath School Lesson: the discussion is seldom good. Such a statement I have heard from many of my ministerial friends. Why discuss the lesson at all? Every Sabbath School goer has his lesson helps, and practically every newspaper prints some good survey of the lesson.

Other places of similar weakness could be pointed out, but the attack has already been sufficiently severe for one sally. I don't know whether I am making myself clear. The nub of the matter is this: the material in "The Presbyterian" is of interest and high value to the ordinary layman, but it is not of similar character for the educated

minister who has not allowed his learning to cease with the closing of his seminary days. What stimulates the beginner has no appeal to the expert. What is satisfying to the consecrated church member with little knowledge of religion in its more scientific aspects is not satisfying to the minister whose mind is struggling to unravel spiritual mysteries unthought of by his parishioners. The average denominational journal endeavors to makes its appeal to both the layman and the minister, and just there is where it loses interest for the minister; what is for the layman is useless for him. "The Christian Century" makes its appeal to only one type: the Christian thinker. Therein lies its drawing power for ministers; it is deep, searching, alert to the spiritual problems of today. That ministers read it is natural: it answers their intellectual needs.

How to solve the difficulty? I think it can be solved, and here I want to make a constructive suggestion. The problem can be solved only by two papers, one for the layman, one for the minister. It seems to me that there would be a great opportunity for a conservative periodical designed for the thinking minister of similar theological position. The "Princeton Review" is no more; one could hardly call "The Christian Century" conservative (!); there is no journal of the indicated type being printed. There is a secular magazine called "The Forum." There could be a religious magazine of similar nature, that is, one which presents both sides of current problems in religious thinking with real reason. I should subscribe to such a magazine with alacrity, and I am sure many of my friends would. This is a hard time for periodicals as well as everything else, and the market is glutted with them, but I wonder if the men of "The Presbyterian" got to work on that sort of thing if it would not be successful.

I do not write this letter for publication. It is written simply with a desire to be of help. If I have been of service I shall be satisfied; I shall have furthered the cause of Christ, and that is the cause of "The Presbyterian."

Very sincerely yours,

Walter R. Clyde, Jr.

Walter R. Clyde, Jr.

P. S. I have not mentioned "Christianity Today". It is of conservative intellectual flavor, but its antagonistically polemical spirit deprives it of any value and rules it from consideration.

W.R.C., Jr.

The Liberty Street Presbyterian Church

of Troy, N. Y.

Rev. James G. Carlile, Pastor

129 FERRY STREET - TROY, N. Y. July 25,1932.

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The letter enclosed herewith came to me this morning,and with the writers full consent I am sending it on to inform you ,if,as one might conclude,you are not informed. Mr.Sybrandt writes this letter solely because he is a loyal member of The Presbyterian family and a warm admirer of you in your editorial management of the Paper.

Of course you are acquainted with Dr.George Fairlie. It may be that you would welcome an introduction to Rev.William H. Sybrandt. Mr.Sybrandt was ordained in 1879,coming to the Prebytery of Troy in June,1882,to become the pastor of the Oakwood Avenue Church of Troy,in which capacity he served for thirty eight years. Since 1920 he has been pastor Emeritus. Mr.Sybrandt is noted for forbearing patience,conservative wisdom,and for his kindly Christian spirit. That he should write as he does indicates how greatly he believed you needed to be informed.

I had thought that I would suggest a little caution in endorsing ,or seeming to endorse,the Secretary,but before I could do so personally ,Mr.Sybrandt's letter came.

And still,I suppose I may,without too great departure from the main purpose of this letter,extend to you my hearty congratulation on the transformation you have achieved in the spirit and matter of The Presbyterian.

Sincerely yours,

Jas. G. Carlile,

1988 Fifteenth street Troy, N.Y. July 23 1932

My dear Mr. Carlile: On the fourth page of the The Presbyterian for July 21st is an article "A New Effort" announcing an organization of which Rev John Clover Monsma once pastor of the Middle Granville Church, is General Secretary. I do not think Dr Robinson knows his record. So far as his orthodoxy is concerned it would be rated at 100% If I knew only that I should no doubt feel as the editor has expressed himself,

I once visited the Middle Granville church in company with Fred Bunce then Treasurer of Presbytery. It was on Sunday and I heard Mr Monsma preach. The sermon was all right, Perhaps you know Monsma 's standing in that church, The present pastor of the Middle Granville church Rev Orlando E. Aitken, I am sure would reply to ypu or Dr Robinson for any information you would ask as to his record in that church, Dr Fairlee no doubt knows all about him, Mr. Monsma is reported in the Gen Assembly Minutes for 1931 as pastor of the Presbyterian church of Ostburg Wisconsin p 890

One of the officers of that church wrote me several months ago asking me about him I wrote him that I could not recommend him.

"I am a member of the Presbyterian League of Faith", I do not know of any immoral conduct that Monsma is guilty of but what I have learned of his connection with finances I should not want to have anything to do with any organization of which he was an officer,

Of course this is not for the public but only for you and Dr Robinson if you care to use it

Yours sincerely Jm H. Sybrandt

Rev. James Carter, D. D.
Walter Carter Cottage
Lincoln University, Pa.

August 10, 1932.

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Philadelphia, Pa.;

Dear Dr. Robinson:

This nation is approaching a momentous decision. The people have almost no knowledge of what conditions existed under the saloon domination, or of what was the character of the men who sold intoxicants.

No more illuminative presentation of the conditions has come to my observation than the article by Miss Clara A. Alexander appearing in the issue of October 16, 1930 of the Presbyterian. I has occurred to me that if that article should be repeated on about the same date of this year it might contribute a signal service to the cause of righteousness.

I am aware that you have a surplus of material. Nevertheless, knowing how soon the American people forget; I am persuaded that it would be highly advisable in this crisis to repeat so trenchant an exhibit of almost forgotten iniquity.

With sincere interest in your effort to minister to the spiritual welfare of the Church, and with my best wishes for your success, I remain

Fraternally yours,

James Carter

August 10, 1932.

Mr. H. P. Crowell,
1600 Railway Ex. Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Crowell:

You doubtless will soon hear from Mr. Harbison about our visit to his offices yesterday. There is a plan on foot which, so far as we can see, promises well for us financially. Mrs. Horn, our bookkeeper, estimates that we can save $200.00 a week. The plan is to have the printing done by the R. R. Donnelly Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana but the paper will be as we desire it. Their plan is to get national advertisers who will have four pages once a month. If we can save the $200.00 a week we will almost take care of our deficit which is much to be desired.

Our subscription list has not fallen off very greatly which to me is very remarkable as thousands of religious and secular papers have had great decline. The list is not long as it should be but it has not gone down much in the last two years. As you know, such magazines as the "Review of Reviews" and "World's Work" and also a host of religious papers including that which I consider one of the best "The Watchman Examiner", have had great decline. Even "The Christian Herald" under the monthly arrangement is running at a loss. I learned this yesterday.

Our immediate problem is to carry over until the new plan can be put into effect. The plan involves the selling of our plant which may be a difficult thing to do. We can reduce office rent one-half and, according to the figures given us, they will print our weekly issue at something about $200.00 less than it now costs and we have examined the figures carefully. Our indebtedness is about half owing to contributors not one of whom has even sent a request for pay though I know some of them need the money. They have been very loyal indeed. Indebtedness to me amounts to $2,333.33 plus $150.00 loan. I am willing to throw off the $333.33 which I think is no more than I should do. By a friend, I have paid $100.00

toward the $250.00 that I subscribed when nine others did the same. So, the indebtedness to me as of August first is $2,000.00 plus the loan of $150. If I had not lost fully one-half of my invested resources, I would be willing to cancel it all but I have suffered as others have. I told the bookkeeper to put my salary at $200.00 per month beginning August first except that in the months that I have to be in Philadelphia with Mrs. Robinson, I would need $300.00. That would probably be about four months a year. Otherwise I expect to stay in Delhi which will be far cheaper. I have a home there and no rent to pay and in fact can probably do the work there most of the year as well as here.

This new arrangement seems to be a Providential way out provided we can maintain ourselves until it is carried into effect. Mr. Harbison will send you and the other directors a complete statement of the plan. Dr. McEwan sent us personally $150.00 which we received yesterday. The other Pittsburgh men have done nothing and none of the ten directors, except Dr. Hodge, have given the $250.00 which all promised. You have been the one generous supporter. I recognize that you are a new member of the Board and I certainly am not sympathetic to placing the burden upon you if you would accept it but I think the paper is worthwhile and if we were relieved of the financial strain which worries me all the time, I think I could do better work as an editor. The immediate problem is what to do from now until October first. Mr. Pew promised $1,000.00 a year. I have that in writing. He has given nothing this fiscal year. He paid $1,000.00 last November. If I knew anyone to whom we might go with confidence, I would be very glad to do so or some other of the Board would do so but I am not acquainted with those who are in position to help. Mr. Pew's business last year was very profitable according to published reports but I fear he has very little interest in the work we are trying to do.

I have no sympathy with any attempt to overburden you and I recognize that your great interests are elsewhere but I do believe you would be doing the Lord's work if you could see your way clear to help us over this barren waste. Personally, I feel very grateful to you and, as I have told you before, I am ready to step aside for an editor that would please you better,

though I confess since I have met with so many losses, it would not be as easy for me as it would have been two years ago. I receive a pension of $700.00 a year which is about enough to pay the taxes on my home in Delhi and have $300.00 left. I know THE PRESBYTERIAN can be made a great force. I do not know that I am the one that can make it such but it can be done and the new plan will, I think, be a step in that direction. The problem is how to sustain ourselves until the change is made. I hope you have not been wearied with this letter which I send not as an appeal but as due you, a very generous helper. Mr. Harbison said yesterday that had he been able to keep up his end you doubtless would have done as you have done previously but he, poor man, is apparently flat. I want you to know that there is no desire or attempt to place undue burden upon you. If the work is worthy to be carried on, it should be carried on by individuals irrespective of what others may do. I am awaiting any suggestion you may give. I think that as an editor I have pleased our readers very largely for I have commendations almost every week but most of them are from poor people and have only the great value of kind words. You have spent many years aiding good causes and I hope that I will in no wise lessen your interest.

Please accept my cordial gratitude and high regard.

Yours most sincerely,

P.S. - As you know, we are behind in rent $600.00 and our stipulated price is $225.00 a month. I have just learned that if we pay up the back rent by August first (which of course we cannot do now but which I think will be extended), they will allow us to have the place at the rent of $125.00 per month. It seems to me that this is a matter that should be attended to. Mr. Harbison knows, but that we had no money to meet their demands.

W.C.R.

WCR*E

August 2, 1932.

Rev. James G. Carlile,
129 Ferry Street,
Troy, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Carlile:

Thank you so much for sending Dr. Sybrandt's letter. I knew nothing of the men except Dr. Griffiths and had no intention of commending them personally but I am keen to help anything that will strengthen orthodox faith. I have written Dr. Sybrandt relative to the matter and if he permits it, I will send his letter to Dr. Griffiths.

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

Dunbar, Nebraska,
July 17, 1932.

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

My father has forwarded me correspondence which he has had with you concerninga manuscript sent in my me to you last fall. You express your desire for our wish in the matter. Our wish is that the manuscript be returned at the earliest possible moment. The manuscript is hardly useable now since it dealt with a subject of particular interest only at the time when it was written.

Full postage was sent for return of the mansucript last fall.

Very truly yours,

Walter R. Clyde, Jr.

Walter R. Clyde, Jr.

Presbyterian:-

Please find check for $2.50 and send your fine paper. Am sorry to have been slow did not have money. Thank you for sending the paper a few times extra.

It is too bad that so many of our ministers are after loaves and fishes.

Please publish enclosed if you think best.

Resp

(Miss) Clara M. Coulter

#5 Emlenton Pa

May 19-1932

416 State St., Adrian, Michigan.
May 11th, 1932.

H. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor, The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

It was exceedingly kind in you to take time to answer my question about Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin. I am only an ex-teacher now, being past-age for the Public Schools; and "too old-fashioned" in thought to suit our present-day S.S. Officers, who are for the most part younger by forty to fifty years, not very well grounded in the Scriptures, and quite of the opinion that "we need to revise our religious thinking, and keep in step with up-to-date thought and methods". You are quite well informed as to what that means, and what a sad change has been wrought the past two years. Our beloved Rev. Edward Montgomery was crowded out of the Pastorate,

and a much younger man, bright, and socially capable, was called to the Lord's work. He also directs the Young People's Work; we have no prayer-meetings of any kind; and book-reviews take the place of Bible-study and prayer.

Enough said. But some of us are praying and hoping for a mighty work of grace in the community and in him. Meantime, the Presbyterian is helping a few of both older and younger to hold fast that which is good; and to feed on the Bread of Life, and drink the Living Water offered in God's Word. Thank you for the help, and for your friendly courtesy. I am afraid to share your letter with any one; but it strengthens me in the effort to say plainly what I feel to be the truth we need.

Sincerely, Julia A. Crandall.

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Dear Dr Robinson

Gouverneur, N. Y., May 17-1932

Mrs Cushman & I are off for Denver Saturday. We expect to stay in Chicago over Sunday & Monday. Our address in Denver is the Brown Palace.

I would be pleased to have any powders you have any given me.

Enjoy "your" paper very much. I am renewing my subscription for another year

Cordially Arthur E. Cushman

WALTER R. CLYDE, SR. MINISTER
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BOYDEN, IOWA

May 25, 1932.

The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen;

In reply to your letter of the 20th, I advise you the the address of my son, Rev. Walter R. Clyde, Jr., is Dunbar, Nebr. His former address was 3303 No. 21st Street, (Presbyterian Theological Seminary) Omaha, Nebr.

Several months ago, my son sent you an article for publication, and enclosed stamps for its return. In spite of the fact that we have wrtten you about this, you have ignored our communications. Unless the Mss. is returned within ten days, my son will sent you a bill for same and you can cancell my subscription to the The Presbyterian at its expiration. I am utterly surprised that you would treat a matter like this in the manner which you have. I have been a subscriber to the The Presbyterian for a number of years, but it is not so invaluble that I can't get along without it.

Yours truly,

Walter R. Clyde, Sr.

Walter R. Clyde, Sr.

Dunbar, Nebraska,
July 27, 1931.

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Editor: The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Dr. Robinson,

Enclosed is a manuscript which I am submitting for your consideration for publishing in The Presbyterian. If it be not accepted, attached you will find stamps for its return.

The union of Protestant denominations to which I refer is the recently consummated consolidation of the Congregational and Christian groups,-effected during session in the State of Washington, if my memory serves me correctly.

I am a student in the Omaha Presbyterian Theological Seminary, expecting to finish up, this coming school year, work toward the B.D. and Th.M. degrees. Since last September I have also been student pastor of the Dunbar Presbyterian Church.

Very truly yours,

Walter R. Clyde, Jr.

Walter R. Clyde, Jr.

Copy to Dr. Robinson.

June 8, 1932.

Mr. A. N. Clarke,
Real Estate Dept.,
Provident Trust Company,
Seventeenth & Chestnut Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

Your letter of June 6th with reference to the payment of rent on the part of the Presbyterian Publishing Company at 1217 Market Street, Philadelphia, has been forwarded to me by Miss McKinney.

Replying thereto would say that this company, like publishers of other religious periodicals is entirely a philanthropic, Christian enterprise, not intended to make money for its stockholders. The annual deficit has been made up by members of the Board, friends, and subscriptions to the paper. The paper has a circulation of about 10,000, and celebrated its Hundredth Anniversary a year and a half ago. It is, therefore, one of the oldest religious papers in the country. At the present moment it has total outstanding obligations of $5,330.53 inclusive of over $1,600 owed to the editor of the paper; $1,248 to the Quaker City Paper Company; to its own correspondents $1,278; rental for April, May and June $675; office and plant expense $247; power and light $64; Lybrand Ross Bros. & Montgomery, for auditors' report $150. These items have been given in round figures, but total, as above stated, $5,330.53 - not a bad showing in the face of the general situation.

I have been personally one of the largest subscribers to the paper in the past, but unfortunately my income has ceased for the present, with the likelihood of receiving no dividends for the balance of this year. We have recently added seven new men to the Board inclusive of two business men, who have substantially helped thus far. Nevertheless, for the time being, it is not possible for us to immediately pay the accounts that are in arrears, inclusive of that of the editor himself.

Every one is making a sacrifice to do what he can under the conditions. All that we can ask is that you continue to give us consideration, with the assurance that everything in our power will be done to meet these accounts as soon as the business situation begins to normalize.

#2-Mr. A. N. Clarke. June 8, 1932.

Very greatly appreciating your consideration for the time being, I am

Very truly yours,

WAH/L.

Dunbar, Nebraska,
June 18, 1932.

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

In this week's "Presbyterian" I see the article contributed to you last fall. I thank you for your consideration and approval.

Before seeing "The Presbyterian" I sent a letter to Philadelphia to be forwarded to you requesting the return of the manuscript. My father had forwarded me your letter to him of June 3rd. I was anxious to regain the manuscript since it was the only copy I had.

Since the article has been printed, the necessity of the manuscript's return has been obviated.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Clyde, Jr.

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THROOP AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THROOP AVENUE AND MACON STREET
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

REV. WILLIAM CARTER, D.D., LL.D., PASTOR
RESIDENCE
362 JEFFERSON AVENUE
TELEPHONE, LAFAYETTE 1696

PASTOR'S STUDY June 14/32.

My Dear Dr.Robinson:

I am sending you a Program of our 70th Anniversary from which you can make up a story of our Celebration,either long or short.

Thank you very much for the publication of my Honor Poem in your issue of June 2nd. I could use 25 or more for my Church if you have enough to send on. One of my Elders mentioned seeing it in his copy to the rest of our Session at our last meeting. We may be able to get you some more subscriptions from it if you can send on extra copies.

There were two mistakes-one made by the paper here,the other by you. I did not take time to correct the typographical error that the "Brooklyn Eagle" made in putting me down as the pastor of "the Throop Avenue Congregational Church", as I should have done,and your proof reader let the error get into your reprint. The other was the use of the word"aspires" instead of"inspires" at the end of the fourth line.

Of course this cannot be corrected now but I felt I ought to call your attention to it-though,likely,you have had it pointed out a number of times,already!!

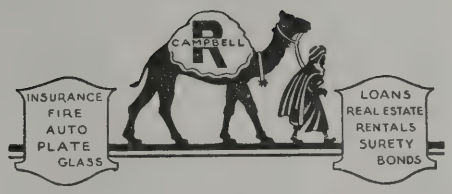
With best wishes and many thanks for what you have done,I remain,

Yours Very Cordially,

W. Carter

OFFICE PHONE, EL. 0502

RES. PHONE, EAST 7503



607-8-9 ALASKA BUILDING
SEATTLE

June 17, 1932.

Editor
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I am a reader of your paper and have been for a long time and have always enjoyed the articles written.

Referring to your report of the General Assembly, especially on the Federal Churches, it does not go very far into the action taken. I understand the matter has been referred to a committee, which meets in December of this year, and then they report to the General Assembly.

It does seem to me that this is merely giving the Federal Churches another year of grace. It is stated they are to only broadcast Evangelistic addresses, or something to that effect. Who is to determine this? I cannot understand why our Church continues this connection. I must say, I was disappointed to have Dr. Matthews to agree to continuing, when he has always opposed such, and written so much against our connection with the Federal Church.

I shall be pleased to have a report of what was fully done. Thanking you for such.

Sincerely yours,

R. Campbell

June 22, 1932.

Mr. J. S. Crutchfield,
American Fruit Growers, Inc.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Crutchfield:

In compliance with your request to Dr. Robinson for memorandum of the moneys received and disbursed by THE PRESBYTERIAN since the Directors' meeting, April 13th, Mrs. Horn, our bookkeeper, has prepared the enclosed. I trust the same is the information you desire.

Of course while we have paid out considerable money, most of it has been for running expenses and only enough paid on the large outstanding accounts to appease creditors for a short time. The paper account, Dr. Robinson's salary, the correspondents, and the rent increase with each month.

We are passing through a struggling period but Dr. Robinson is hopeful that we may come through in answer to prayer. I wish we would find the same type of good friend as did The Banner.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING COMPANY.

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RECEIPTS
since Directors' Meeting - April 13, 1932.

ADVERTISING		1412.22
MISCELLANEOUS (Sale of books, papers, waste, etc.)		59.13
MAGAZINE PRESS - Job Printing		358.34
SUBSCRIPTIONS		3189.44
CONTRIBUTIONS, made up as follows:		
Mr. Crowell	500.00	
B. O. Chapman	10.00	
Horace G. Hill (Thru Dr. Robinson)	100.00	
Virginia Bates	15.00	
Mrs. M.B.P. Kelly (Thru Dr. McEwan)	100.00	
C. C. Savage (Thru Dr. Hodge)	200.00	
Hugh R. Monro	100.00	
Mr. Robert Johnston	250.00	
R.O.B.	100.00	
Mrs. J.R.T. Ryan (Thru Dr. Burrell)	10.00	
C.C. Savage (Thru Dr. Hodge)	100.00	
Mrs. C.B. Taylor (Thru Dr. Robinson's appeal in paper)	100.00	1585.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		6604.13

DISBURSEMENTS
since Directors' Meeting - April 13, 1932

MAILING EXPENSE (Bills, papers, etc.)	396.75
PLANT AND OFFICE GENERAL EXPENSE AND SUPPLIES	688.28
PLANT WAGES AND OFFICE SALARIES	3845.00
AGENTS COMMISSION ON SUBSCRIPTIONS	108.38
DR. ROBINSON'S SALARY FOR DECEMBER	333.34
PAPER ~~EXPENSE~~ account	800.00
RENT	450.00
POWER AND LIGHT	66.48
CORRESPONDENT FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT AND EXPENSES	50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6738.23

416 State St.
Adrian, Michigan,
June 28, 1932.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.
Editor, The Presbyterian; -

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your friendly acknowledgment of my recent letter is much appreciated; and you may use the letter as your own judgment will dictate. And in the issue of June 16th, there are three "Comments" which appeal to me strongly: - viz., "Why the Let Down" - P. 10; "Line upon Line", and "Working Without Pay", P. 11. My heart responds "Amen" to their suggestions.

Very sincerely,

Julia A. Condict.

It is not necessary that my name appear, though I count it one of the richest inheritances I have, - an old & honorable name.

WALTER R. CLYDE, SR. MINISTER
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BOYDEN, IOWA

June 8. 1932.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I thank you for your letter of June 3rd There were two things which concerned me. Stamps accompanied the manuscript, but it was neither published or returned. Then no attention was paid to several letters written about it. You and your staff are forgiven.

I think the time for the publication of the article is long past which I believe you will see by looking over the manuscript. I'll write my son to pass on to you his desire in the matter

Yours very cordially,
Walter R. Clyde Sr.

GRANT CONNELL, MUS. D.
PRESIDENT

CAPITOL COLLEGE
of ORATORY and MUSIC
NEIL AT THIRD AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OHIO

June 29,1932

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson, Editor,
The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

I am submitting herewith a report on the experience of our church - the Indianola Presbyterian - with a volunteer choir, with the hope it may be of sufficient interest to warrant publication as a feature in an early issue of the "Presbyterian".

Having had the privilege of serving as chairman of the music committee of the church during part of the period mentioned in the article, I feel I can report with accuracy the experience of the church with the music problem. Numerous inquiries from nearby towns, prompts the belief that perhaps the data furnished here may be of specific service to some church now considering the advisability of the chorus choir,or to some other church having difficulty with its chorus,or to some choir leader who may welcome the information on how this one is conducted.

If you desire, a cut of the choir can be furnished.

Thanking you for this consideration, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Grant Connell

Grant Connell

August 1, 1932.

Mr. H. P. Crowell,
1600 Railway Ex. Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Crowell:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your generous assistance of $1,000.00 which has been distributed according to your wish. It is plain that something must be done and done quickly. I have written to Dr. McEwan and he has not had time to reply. Personally, I am feeling the lack of payment very seriously but still I have not reached the point of pressing my claim very hard.

A proposition has come to this office which to me looks very favorable. Mr. Shubert of the Religious Press Association who are our advertising agents, is trying to combine a number of religious papers to gain a circulation of several hundred thousand with a view of gaining the help of national advertisers many of whom say they prefer religious publications if the circulation was large enough. Under his plan as I understand it the printing would be done at Crawfordsville, Indiana and they would likewise take care of the mailing and circulation, we paying them so much per week. Certain advertisements would be in each issue of all the papers and we would receive our pro rata proportion of that total income.

Mr. Shubert is to meet me on Thursday of this week. The matter has just come to my attention and I do not know what further thought will develop in the way of objection but at first it seems to me a very favorable outcome. At present The Christian Endeavor World (now a monthly) is the only one that is in it. They have a circulation of 48,000. Mr. Shubert hopes and expects to get The Sunday School Times. The paper used will be of excellent quality and we can be as distinctively ourselves as we are now and in my opinion there would be a great reduction of both expense and trouble.

I write this to you first of any of the directors because I think you know more about such things but I do believe that the matter should receive careful consideration from our directors. If we had a combined circulation we could command the great advertisers and they are turning to

that now more than ever before. I would be very happy to have your reaction on this proposition and if it meets your favor, I wish you would write to Mr. Harbison and Dr. McEwan. We are here today without money to pay even the help in the office and in the printing plant. Mr. Pew who has had a prosperous year should help generously but I am not the one to ask him. Mr. Harbison can do nothing and the Pittsburgh people have not as yet sent in their help. If this opens the way for us to maintain THE PRESBYTERIAN I shall be grateful.

Most cordially yours,

WCR*E